NISD Gifted & Talented Parent Awareness Session













Texas State Plan for the Education of **Gifted & Talented Students**

A gifted & talented student is a child or youth who performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who:

- exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or
- excels in a specific academic field. (Texas Education Code §29.121)

What makes a student ifted?

NISD GT program aims to...

- Provide instruction designed to meet the unique needs of students with advanced general intellectual ability and/or specific subject matter aptitude
- Provide appropriately differentiated curriculum in efforts to help students work to their fullest potential
- Provide GT services that may include a modified delivery of instruction for students by accelerating and/or providing for greater depth, more complex content, and enrichment activities

"What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of learning and looking at the world."

----Chuck Grassley

Six Types of Gifted Students

The Creative



The Successful

The Underground





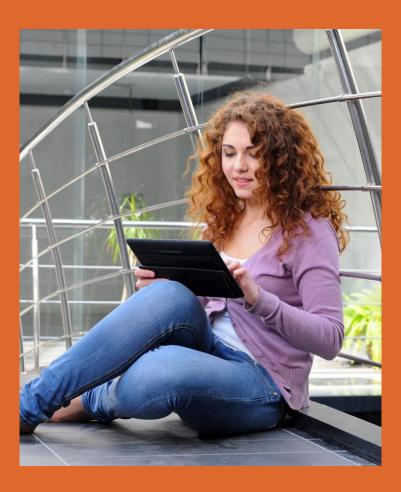


<u>The</u> <u>Successful</u>





- High Achievers
- Accepts & Conforms
- Avoids Risk



<u>The</u> <u>Creative</u>

- Honest & Direct
- Expresses Impulses
- Challenges Teachers
- Non-Conforming
- Highly Creative

The Underground



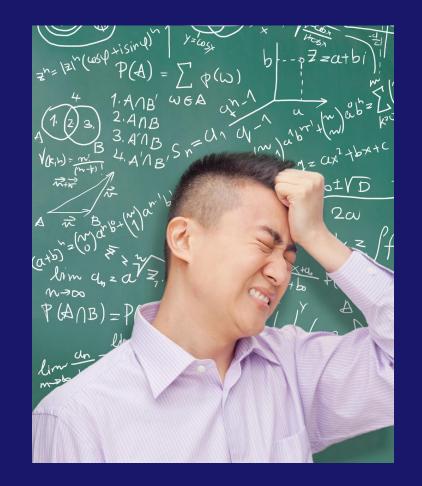
- Denies Talent
- Rejects Challenges
- Does not feel connected to their peers or teachers





- Pursues Outside Interest
- Thrill Seeking
- Critical of Self & Others
- Frustrated with School

The Multi-Exceptional



- Enjoys Novelty & Complexity
- Disorganized
- Demonstrates Inconsistent Work



<u>The</u> <u>Autonomous</u>

- Sets Goals
- Seeks Challenge
- Self-Directed
- Independent

The Identification Process

Referral

- Parent
- Teacher
- Other

Online Referral Form

Data Collection

- Educator/Parent Checklist of GT Characteristics
- Cognitive Abilities Test
- MAP Achievement Tests in Reading and Math

Student Profile

Student data is compiled in order to gain an all around profile of the student.

Selection Committee

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Gifted & Talented Professional Development



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6 Hours - Needs & Nature Of Gifted/Talented Students

6 Hours - Identification & Assessment of Gifted/Talented Students

18 Hours - Curriculum & Instruction for Gifted/Talented Students (state recommended courses listed below)

- Differentiation
- Depth & Complexity
- Creativity

Six Hours of Gifted & Talented Professional Learning is required in subsequent years.

Teachers required to complete GT Hours

Elementary School

- Elementary GT Specialists
- All Kindergarten Teachers
- All MaC-GT Teachers

Middle School

- Middle School GT
 Specialists
- Magnet Teachers

High School GT Specialists

- Advanced Teachers
- Honors Teachers
- Dual Credit Teachers
- OnRamps Teachers
- Advanced Placement Teachers

Contact your campus GT Specialist for more information regarding:

- the identification process
- required information for referrals
- NISD GT Program and Service Design



District Plan for Gifted & Talented Education



The NISD mission is to transform the learning experience for students.

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